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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 17, 2008. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 17, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through May 17, 2008 were 3.56 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	: Apr 12	: Apr 19	: Apr 26	: May 3	: May 10	: May 17
	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008
	Thousand					
AL	: 31,687	31,966	*32,212	31,637	31,858	32,089
AR	: 27,171	26,532	27,071	27,317	*26,611	27,150
DE	: 4,027	3,942	3,721	3,721	3,718	3,726
FL	: 1,413	1,327	*1,331	1,346	1,336	1,331
GA	: 34,137	34,651	33,997	34,630	*34,053	34,854
KY	: 7,899	7,925	*7,255	8,034	8,124	8,125
LA	: 3,712	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,650
MD	: 8,779	8,995	8,223	8,812	8,840	8,791
MS	: 18,879	18,877	18,999	18,266	18,893	19,060
NC	: 19,617	19,533	*19,475	19,355	*19,631	19,711
OK	: 6,580	*6,578	*6,353	6,655	*6,782	6,859
PA	: 4,318	4,400	4,193	4,188	*4,323	4,266
SC	: 5,611	5,554	5,420	5,371	5,491	5,718
TX	: 15,588	15,076	15,346	14,656	14,846	15,477
VA	: 6,174	5,791	6,211	6,369	5,939	6,427
CA, MO, TN, & WV	: 20,333	19,966	*19,700	*19,641	*19,640	20,205
19 State Total	: 215,925	*214,825	*213,219	*213,710	*213,797	217,439
Previous Year Total	: 219,385	220,515	218,515	218,353	219,938	219,928
Pct. of Prev. Year	: 98	97	98	98	97	99

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	: Apr 12	: Apr 19	: Apr 26	: May 3	: May 10	: May 17
	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008
	Thousand					
AL	: 21,303	21,674	20,738	21,475	21,111	21,200
AR	: 23,233	22,047	23,316	23,873	*22,589	22,624
DE	: 4,804	4,867	4,584	4,851	5,746	4,625
FL	: 1,333	1,191	1,255	1,145	1,271	1,138
GA	: 28,232	28,784	29,038	27,781	*28,571	28,094
KY	: *5,953	*6,467	*6,793	6,730	6,248	5,434
LA	: 3,726	3,607	3,344	3,784	3,147	3,634
MD	: 6,095	6,590	7,121	6,258	6,021	5,337
MS	: 17,375	17,291	17,359	17,060	17,145	17,383
NC	: 15,997	15,649	16,128	16,510	*16,014	16,120
OK	: 5,632	4,964	5,213	4,447	5,430	5,395
PA	: *3,352	*3,277	*3,254	*3,243	*3,272	3,318
SC	: 4,776	4,418	4,434	5,151	4,812	4,997
TX	: 13,022	13,108	12,730	13,324	12,709	12,859
VA	: 5,720	5,021	4,767	4,860	4,077	5,302
CA, MO, TN, & WV	: 17,060	18,201	18,143	*17,050	*18,442	18,014
19 State Total	: *177,613	*177,156	*178,217	*177,542	*176,605	175,474
Previous Year Total	: 177,312	177,686	180,188	180,084	180,594	178,545
Pct. of Prev. Year	: 100	100	99	99	98	98

* Revised